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CASES OF SPURIOUS PESTICIDES AND INSECTICIDES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of spurious pesticides and insecticides are increasing throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details of such cases recorded during the last three years State-wise;

(c) the details of the measures taken by the Government to check this menace; and

(d) the details of persons who have been prosecuted, State-wise during the above period and thereafter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. The percentage of substandard pesticides has decreased from 3.7%-3.01% during the last five years. The details may be seen at Annexure-I.

(c): Government of India under the different provisions of Insecticides Act and Rules framedthere under have taken several steps to check the manufacture of duplicate/spurious pesticides. Accordingly, the direct vigil is kept apart from taking following steps:-

(i) Drawal of samples from Manufacturing premises as well as distribution/sale points bynotified Insecticide Inspectors for analysis in the State Pesticide Testing Laboratories for ensuring the quality of pesticides.

(ii) Launching of prosecution against the manufactures and dealers of duplicate/sub- standard pesticides under the provision of Insecticides Act, 1968 and the Rules framed thereunder.

(iii) Constituting teams of officers at block and district level to check the sale of spurious pesticides and setting up of Flying Squad for conducting surprise raids in the premises of dealers/distributors.

(iv) Periodical review during National/Zonal Conferences for effective enforcement ofvarious provisions of the Act for ensuring the availability of quality pesticides.

(v) Technical auditing of State Pesticide Testing Laboratories has been carried out by Central & State Insecticides Analysts for strengthening the laboratory facilities.

(d): The details of persons who have been prosecuted may be seen at Annexure-II.